

Affairs Committee. I hope my colleagues will join in supporting these important efforts.

### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 511—COMMENDING THE PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY LUTES SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2012 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION III SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 511

Whereas, on May 21, 2012, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes (referred to in this preamble as “the PLU Lutes”) Softball Team defeated the Linfield College Wildcats by a score of 3-0 to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Softball Championship;

Whereas this victory is the first softball championship for Pacific Lutheran University in its history, as well as its first national championship since 1999;

Whereas the PLU Lutes Softball Team finished the 2012 season with a record of 45 wins and 11 losses, breaking the record at Pacific Lutheran University for most wins in a season;

Whereas the PLU Lutes Softball Team also broke the school record for most runs scored and most total bases in a season;

Whereas senior pitcher Stacy Hagensen was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player by allowing only 3 hits and giving up no runs;

Whereas the team members and coaches of the PLU Lutes Softball Team have set an example of leadership for women in collegiate athletics;

Whereas PLU Lutes Softball Team head coach Erin Van Nostrand, associate head coach Greg Seeley, and assistant coaches Tiffany McVay, Dena Harkovitch, and Dena Slye led the team to the championship with their leadership and winning philosophy;

Whereas the PLU Lutes Softball Team exemplifies the mission of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) (referred to in this preamble as “Title IX”), which Congress enacted to ensure that gender discrimination did not interfere with educational opportunities;

Whereas the passage of Title IX has led to a 574 percent increase in female participation in college sports and a 1,000 percent increase in female participation in high school sports;

Whereas, before Title IX, only 2 percent of the college students participating in sports were female;

Whereas, in 2001, 43 percent of the college students participating in sports were female;

Whereas, by a 3-1 ratio, female athletes perform better in school and have higher graduation rates than females who do not participate in sports;

Whereas student-athletes have higher annual graduation rates than their classmates who do not participate in sports; and

Whereas the success of the 2012 PLU Lutes Softball Team demonstrates the accomplishments that a team can achieve when each player adopts a teamwork mentality: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes (referred to in this resolution as

the “PLU Lutes”) Softball Team for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Softball Championship;

(2) recognizes the people of Washington State for their support of the PLU Lutes Softball Team;

(3) honors the achievements of every player, coach, and support staff who was instrumental in the success of the PLU Lutes Softball Team during the 2012 season; and

(4) requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution for appropriate display to the PLU Lutes Softball Team.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 512—RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RICE UNIVERSITY

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 512

Whereas Rice University is celebrating its 100th year as a renowned research university advancing education in the arts, humanities, and sciences;

Whereas the William Marsh Rice Institute for the Advancement of Literature, Science, and Art, named for its benefactor William Marsh Rice and now known as Rice University, was inaugurated on October 12, 1912, in Houston, Texas;

Whereas the first president of Rice University, Edgar Odell Lovett, set forth an ambitious vision for a prestigious research university;

Whereas Rice University is a leading institution of higher education, ranked among the top 20 universities in the United States by U.S. News & World Report every year since the rankings began in 1983;

Whereas Rice University is dedicated to keeping high quality education affordable through generous financial aid programs and ranks among the 10 best value private colleges by Princeton Review;

Whereas Rice University plays a leading role in research in many fields, including nanotechnology, space, cellular technology, bioinformatics, energy, health, and the environment;

Whereas Rice University has invaluable contributed to space exploration, becoming the first university in the United States to create a department dedicated to space exploration and donating the land now home to the Johnson Space Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

Whereas the groundbreaking discovery of buckminsterfullerene, referred to as “buckyballs”, on the campus of Rice University in 1985 launched the new field of fullerene chemistry, helped launch the new scientific field of nanotechnology, earned two Rice University professors, Dr. Richard Smalley and Dr. Robert Curl, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and is now leading to life-saving and life-enhancing breakthroughs in medicine, transportation, energy, the environment, defense, and many other endeavors;

Whereas Nobel Prize recipient Dr. Richard Smalley of Rice University played a significant role in forming The Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas, an organization for the Texas members of the National Academies and the first organization in Texas dedicated to building collaboration among Texas's most distinguished scientific, academic, and corporate minds in research and public policy;

Whereas the goal of Rice University is to prepare its students to succeed in a highly competitive and complex world, and many of its alumni have distinguished themselves in

their service and contributions to the United States;

Whereas Rice University is one of three Texas universities to be chosen as a member of the Association of American Universities, and the only private university in Texas that is a member of that association;

Whereas Rice University is fortunate to have exceptionally fine trustees, administrators, and faculty members who have placed emphasis on inspiring students to succeed in the arts, humanities, and sciences;

Whereas the contributions of Rice University and its alumni have enriched the history of the United States and the world in the arts, humanities, sports, and sciences; and

Whereas the success of Rice University is the result of a united effort by many resourceful and dedicated individuals, and all who are associated with the preservation of the great traditions of Rice University deserve to be proud of their accomplishments: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes the 100th anniversary of Rice University and expresses gratitude to the university for its innumerable contributions to higher education and the United States.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 50—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND ADVANCE THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER GOVERNANCE MODEL UNDER WHICH THE INTERNET HAS THRIVED

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 50

Whereas given the importance of the Internet to the global economy, it is essential that the Internet remain stable, secure, and free from government control;

Whereas the world deserves the access to knowledge, services, commerce, and communication, the accompanying benefits to economic development, education, and health care, and the informed discussion that is the bedrock of democratic self-government that the Internet provides;

Whereas the structure of Internet governance has profound implications for competition and trade, democratization, free expression, and access to information;

Whereas countries have obligations to protect human rights, which are advanced by online activity as well as offline activity;

Whereas the ability to innovate, develop technical capacity, grasp economic opportunities, and promote freedom of expression online is best realized in cooperation with all stakeholders;

Whereas proposals have been put forward for consideration at the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications that would fundamentally alter the governance and operation of the Internet;

Whereas the proposals, in international bodies such as the United Nations General Assembly, the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, and the International Telecommunication Union, would attempt to justify increased government control over the Internet and would undermine the current multistakeholder model that has enabled the Internet